LTC to retired employees

t2512. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not providing special facilities for the purpose of travelling to retired senior citizen of Central Government; and

(b) what arrangements are being made to provide the same concessions to such people as they were availing while in service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The Fifth Central Pay Commission, after considering the representations received by it, did not recommend the extension of LTC facility to Central Government Pensioners in view of the enormous financial implications involved. Government accepted the recommendation after due consideration. The Ministry of Railway, however, extends concession on train fares to all senior citizen above the age of 60 years.

Co-terminus staffs

2513. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the staff working on co-terminus basis with Ministers and in various Bodies/Government organizations are eligible for appearing in departmental tests held there from time to time;

(b) if so, the details of the criteria/guidelines of Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to formulate a policy for eligibility of such candidates for departmental tests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) The eligibility of in-service personnel, appointed on co-terminus basis on the personal staff of dignitaries, such as members of the Union Council of Ministers, for appearing in departmental tests is determined in accordance with the provisions of the relevant recruitment rules applicable to them in their parent service. The outsiders, appointed on co-terminus basis are not eligible to appear in the departmental tests, as they do not

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.